



**REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application of

Kenji NISHI

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 08/994,758

Examiner: A. Mathews

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**STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On June 27, 2003, Applicant filed an Amendment and Terminal Disclaimer in response to a May 16, 2003 Office Action. In addition, in response to a request by the Examiner, Applicant submitted a copy of the pending claims for this application to the Examiner on October 7, 2003 (i.e., OVER 17 MONTHS AGO). According to the PTO-PAIR database, an allowance has been counted, however, a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability have not yet been mailed.

As the present application is a reissue application, which is supposed to be handled on an expedited fashion, Applicant requests the Patent Office to issue the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability for this application.

The appropriate official of the Patent Office is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions, or if anything further is desired by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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